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1. CONTRARY TO REPORTS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED, NEW FRG
AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA WILL NOT BE KLEINER. KLEINER HAD
TO WITHDRAW BECAUSE OF SERIOUS PERSONAL PROBLEMS (ILL-
NESS OF HIS WIFE). INSTEAD, DR. WALTER FROEWIS, FORMER
FRG AMBASSADOR TO KIGALI (1969-1974), HAS BEEN NAMED
TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

2. AGREEMENT FROM KAMPALA CAME WITH EXTRAORDINARY
SPEED AND WAS RECEIVED SEVERAL DAYS AGO. AMBASSADOR
FROEWIS EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN KAMPALA ON JULY 12.

3. IN SPITE OF HIS HECTIC DEPARTURE SCHEDULE, WE WERE
ABLE TO MEET WITH FROEWIS FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR
ON JULY 7. THE BRIEFING WAS BASED ON THE CONTENTS
OF REFTELS (A, B, C). FROEWIS ASKED SPECIFICALLY
WHAT TYPES OF REPORTING WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE
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U.S. AND WE OUTLINED THREE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: 1)
THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN UGANDA, 2) UGANDA'S RELATION-
SHIP WITH ITS AFRICAN NEIGHBORS, AND 3) SOVIET OR OTHER
THIRD COUNTRY INFLUENCES.

4. AMBASSADOR FROEWIS IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DIS-

ARMAMENT MATTERS. REF AIRGRAMS D AND E PROVIDE FAIRLY
COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC DATA .

5. FROEWIS STRIKES US AS A CALM AND INTELLIGENT
INDIVIDUAL. HIS QUESTIONS WERE PERCEPTIVE AND HE SEEMS
LIKE A QUICK LEARNER. HE IS WELL AWARE OF HIS ADDI-
TIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROTECTION OF U.S.
INTERESTS IN UGANDA AND PROMISED TO GIVE THEM HIS FULL
ATTENTION AT ALL TIMES.
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